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"It was not long before Lewis started with reminiscences of the ways of the Lamotrek islanders. 'These people,' said he, 'have a regular grace before meat like Christians. When the fish is taken cooked out of the oven, before they taste a solitary fragment, one of them takes a bit from the head and solemnly mutters, "Ka Toutop arai" -- "Do thou bless me, oh Toutop." This Toutop is a Deity greatly honoured in the Lamotrek Pantheon. Then he throws away the bit, and the people immediately begin their meal. But if anyone were to partake of the food before the blessing was asked, the fishermen would have no luck any more, but storms and heavy gales. For Toutop, like the rest of the Caroline gods, is very jealous of any slight put upon him. '"

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"For four days before a fishing expedition the Lamotrek natives sleep apart from their wives. They go out fasting in order to ensure success. When they make their first haul they drink one green coco-nut apiece, and put in shore for the ceremony of Yaf-ilok--The Coming in of the Fire. A fire is made, each takes a fish, broils it, and eats it. Each fisherman then goes down to the sea, washes mouth and hands in the salt water, and invokes the blessing of Aliu-set and Sau-lal, gods of the sea. This ceremony over, the distribution of the heap of fish commences. If any women or children come near and break the taboo by helping themselves, the same will receive swelled ankles or elephantiasis as a punishment and visible token of the anger of the spirits."

"LAMOTREK STAR-NAMES

- 1 Uiliuil-al-evang. The Pole-star.
- 2 Uiliuil-al-eaur. The Southern Cross; also called Pup, or the Leather-Jacket Fish.
- 3 Tumur, Antares.
- 4 Meal. Vega and a Lyrae.
- 5 Ualego. Ursa Major. Literally, 'The Broom.'
- 6 Ul. Aldebaran. Literally, 'The Virile Member.' [389]
- 7 Evang-el-ul. Capella; its appearance denotes heavy gales and bad weather.
- 8 Magarigar. Pleiades.
- 9 Oliel. Orion and Rigel.
- 10 Kolong-al-mal. Sirius; i. e., literally, 'The Body of the Animal.'
- 11 Ping-en-lakh. Arietes; i. e., literally, 'The Centre of the House.'
- 12 Met-a-ryo. Scorpio; i. e., 'The Two Eyes.'
- 13 Sor-a-bol. Corvi; literally, 'The Viewer of the Taro-patches.' Shines during Taro season. (Sor, to look; bol,
- 14 Tchrou. Corona; i. e., 'The Fowling-net.' a Taro-patch.)
- 15 Mai-lap. Althoea and (a) Aquiloe.
- 16 Aramoi. Arcturus. (Ara, to conclude; moi, to come.)

So called because the rising of Arcturus marks the end of the north-east winds which bring visiting parties to the island.

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17 Yuk-ol-ik. Cassiopoea; literally, 'The Tail of the Fish.'

18 Mongoi-sap. Gemini.

19 Ik. Pisces.

20 Mal; man. Canis Major.

21 Ililigak. Regulus.

22 Gapi-sarabol. Speaker.

23 Ngi-tau. Piscis Australis.

24 Gapi-lah. Pegasi."

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"MONTHS OF LAMOTREK YEAR

1 Sarabol.

2 Aramaus.

3 Tumur.

4 Mai-rik.

5 Mai-lap.

6 Seuta.

7 Lakh.

8 Kg.

9 Ul.

10 Alliel.

11 Mān

12 Ich. "

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"LAMOTREK MEASURES

Gat; Si-gat. A finger's length, i. e., 3 inches.

Rua-gat. Two " 6 inches.

Sili-gat. Three " 9 inches.

Fā-gat. Four " 12 inches, and so on.

Si-ang; Ang. One span.

Ru-ang. Two spans.

Sili-ang. Three spans, and so on.

Rolibos. A half-cubit.

Gopa. A cubit.

Si-pap. Distance from tip of finger to centre of chest.

Si-ngaf. One fathom.

Si-gip. One foot; literally, footprint. "

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16 Lotiu.

17 Kili.

18 Kalawalo.

19 Saopas.

27 Arafoi.

28 Eoi.

29 Effeng.

30 Eraf. "

[Chart continued from pre-
ceeding master.]